

BOSS CROKER'S WIFE HOLDS IRISH ESTATE

Former Tammany Leader Said
to Have Transferred Property Worth \$2,000,000.

ALSO HIS RACE HORSES

Papers Showing Change of
Title Received by Attorneys
for Contesting Children.

Counsel for the children of Richard Croker, Sr., are convinced that he already has conveyed to his present wife, who is the defendant in the injunction proceedings instituted in Florida, title to his entire Irish estate, Glencairn, together with his fine stud and stable of racing horses. Information has been received from Ireland to the effect that the property, which is valued at from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, stands exclusively in the name of Mrs. Julia E. Croker.

The information is in documentary form, the papers now being in the hands of William P. McCombs of McCombs & Ryan, counsel to the Croker children in their action against their stepmother. These papers set forth that two deeds covering Glencairn and Mr. Croker's other property in Ireland have been executed and delivered by him to his wife. It is explained that the deed for certain portions of this estate, which are subject to a leasehold, has been filed in the office of the Land Commissioner, to whom the rents are payable, whereas the remainder of the large estate is held by Mrs. Croker, Sr., in fee simple, a record of the deed to that effect having been filed in the Registry Office.

Horses Said to Be Included.

It is added by the informant in Ireland that the original deeds conveying the property from Mr. Croker to his wife are in her or his possession. The correspondent proceeds to say: "It is well understood that the horses, etc., are being trained at Glencairn, which has been leased for a period of 10 years to a Mr. Myerscough, who has a younger son named Grady, the latter being engaged also in training horses other than the Croker horses."

Glencairn is about six miles from Dublin. The estate itself and the splendid castle, which serves as the Croker residence, are regarded as perhaps the finest in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Croker since their marriage have passed much of their time there. When they were visited by the injunction of the Florida court they were preparing to return to Ireland on April 10 aboard the *Carmania*, but they then determined to re-

main here and make a fight for the dissolution of the restraining order. News of the conveyance of the Irish property to the young second wife by the former Tammany leader is recorded by counsel for the Croker children as vindicating the step taken by them to protect Mr. Croker, as well as his offspring, from what they call "the devastating effect of his large estate on the children of the Irish race."

Discussing the fact that Richard Croker, Jr., has no wish to get one cent of his father's money or property, the action of the other children is not prompted by selfish motives, but that they do not intend to remain passive and see the estate dissipated.

Purpose of Suits Outlined.
"The several suits already begun in the New York jurisdiction by Richard Croker, Jr., against his father," said Mr. McCombs, "were the necessary result of repeated attempts on the part of Richard and Croker, Jr., to get his father to sit down with him and settle his personal affairs with him here in this country. Other interests having intervened to keep them apart, the sole purpose of these suits is to establish the position of the children of Mr. Croker, against whom he has been pleased to make occasional accusations."

"In the light of the Glencairn development, the purpose of the attempt to save Mr. Croker against himself ought to be obvious."

Mr. Croker's Irish estates had no greater claim to fame than the fact that they were the home of his celebrated race horse Orby, a winner of the English Derby. Only three other Americans have shared that honor with the old Tammany boss. These were Pierre Lorillard, with *Isaac*; William C. Whittey, with *Volodyovski*; and H. B. Dunlop, with *Dunlop II*. Of the quartet of American winners only *Isaac* and Orby were American bred. For years after his great victory Orby was his owner's most valuable asset in the stud, in which Mr. Croker took vast pride.

For more than a century it has been the custom, amounting almost to unwritten law, that the King of England distinguishes the owner of a Derby winner with an invitation to a special audience. The late King Edward VII. omitted that courtesy in the case of Mr. Croker, and many of the friends of the latter were enraged.

**CROKER OFFERS HIS
ALL FOR \$2,500,000**

**Ridiculous Statement He
Is Worth \$10,000,000.**

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.
PALM BEACH, April 6.—Richard Croker, Sr., said to-day, in contradiction of recent reports estimating his fortune to be worth from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000: "Here's an offer I will make: anybody can have it all tomorrow, everything I own, all my money, bonds, real estate, personal property, everything for \$2,500,000 in cash. That's a pretty good offer, isn't it? They say I am worth \$10,000,000, and I will sell out one-quarter of that amount. That's a surprise to my son Richard. He knows I am worth no such sum as has been represented."

Mr. Croker said his children had received from him already approximately

\$20,000 in three accounts, that he had set up Richard Jr. in business three times, and that account alone had run up to "not less than \$300,000."

The former Tammany leader also said he intended to hold to a strict accountability those who have been guilty of casting aspersions on his wife.

"If my children and others had conducted their remarks to myself," he said, "I should have said no attention to them. But I think that bringing my wife into this matter in the way they have done and without any basis whatever in fact for their charges is the most outrageous thing I ever knew of. Mrs. Croker will go on the witness stand and she will show a proper accounting for every cent of mine she ever had anything to do with. She also will go into whatever matters may be brought up."

"Will you take the stand yourself?" "Certainly I will, if they want me to."

Mr. Croker criticized his two sons because they failed to take any active part in the war, although, he said, he had written urging them to do so.

**MOONSHINE ODORS
IN HOTEL LOBBIES**

So Says Sergt. York, American's 'One Man Army.'

Any man with a nose that is acquainted with the odor of good old Irish or bourbon whiskey and that is in fairly good working condition need not go way down South into Kentucky and Tennessee to gratify his desire for a whiff from the moonshiners' stills. The southern moonshiners are only doing what a lot of other people in scores of other States in the Union are doing, according to Sergeant Alvin C. York, famous as "the fighting elder" of the A. E. P., who arrived yesterday at the McAlpin from Nashville.

"I can't say that I have had my first-hand experience with moonshiners in Tennessee, but when it comes to that, why, it seems to me like there's moonshine in most all the States. I've smelled whiskey in a good many places since prohibition and from what I can tell it isn't so hard to get the smell either. It's natural for people to have their own stills when they think they can get away with it," was the way the "fighting elder" summed up the situation.

The sergeant is in New York in furtherance of the interests of the Alvin C. York Foundation, which plans to build schools in the remote districts of Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. He said that the work had developed very satisfactorily. He will speak to-day at a luncheon to be given by the New York Rotary Club at the McAlpin and will explain the foundation's need for a \$500,000 fund.

Would Honor Blind Officers.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Lieutenants Frank Schoble, Jr., and Raymond E. Day, the only American officers blinded during the war, would be retired with rank and pay of captain, under a bill passed to-day by the Senate and sent to the House.

Lieut. Schoble served with the 316th Infantry and Lieut. Day with the 168th

NEWSPRINT MEN IN CANADA WIN FIGHT

Supreme Court's Decision Indicates End of Government Control.

BENCH VOTE IS 3 TO 1

Justices Hold Commodity Is Not Necessity of Life in Physical Sense.

By H. HUGH Correspondent of THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

OTTAWA, April 6.—The appeal of Price Bros. & Co., manufacturers of newsprint, was sustained to-day by the Supreme Court of Canada, three to one. This indicates the end of Government control of newsprint and means that the order of the Board of Commerce which required the company to reserve 15 per cent of its output for use in Canada for three Montreal publications, at \$80 a ton, is set aside.

The appellants have never recognized newsprint control, even under the war measures act, except under the order of the Supreme Court. Hence the verdict is a complete victory and a vindication of the right of the industry to control its own output. The decision of the court on the constitutionality of the law creating the Board of Commerce, stands for further argument until May 4. Meantime the board is asked to "amend the statute so as to raise more pointedly the question necessary to be decided by the court."

The court holds that newsprint is not a necessity of life in the sense that it is essential to the physical life of the individual. The order was issued on February 6 last. The company had been shipping all of its product to the United States for \$90 a ton, and after the ruling was made, sent part of it to Canadian consumers at \$80 a ton. A sum representing its loss by the ruling was deposited in bank, pending the decision of the Supreme Court.

Justice Mignault stood alone in main-

taining that the war measures act extends until formal proclamation of peace. He was, however, fully persuaded newsprint is not a necessity.

"I must also say that I fail to discover any possible connection between the requirements of human life and newsprint paper," he declared. "It even appears almost an abuse of language to call it a necessity of life. Whatever place the newspaper may occupy in modern society, and it is no doubt a very important one, and however indispensable the newspaper may be for education and other like purposes, it certainly does not proximate or even remotely come within the class of things that can be used for the requirements of life. The board acted without jurisdiction in declaring it a necessity."

FIGHT OLD FASHIONED DUEL.

Mexicans End Quarrel Over Woman Who Had Been Wife of Both.

ATLANTON, Kan., April 6.—As a result of an old fashioned duel in which two Mexicans each walked twenty paces to plug the other, Felix Lopez is in the Atchison Hospital and Pete Pueblo is a fugitive from justice.

The duel occurred on the Missouri Pacific tracks, four miles south of here, the men having walked that distance together each with a .38 calibre revolver. Lopez is shot through the right lung. Efforts of the police and county officers to locate Pueblo have been unsuccessful. The duel took place over a woman, the former wife of Lopez and the present wife of Pueblo.

GIRLS ADOPT PET SCORPION.

So Popular It May Become Normal School Mascot.

CHICO, Cal., April 6.—A scorpion, alive and in vigorous health, with its stinger unremoved, is not the sort of creature usually adopted as a pet, but girl students of the Chico State Normal School have adopted one, and its popularity is such that it may become the school's mascot.

The scorpion, not yet christened, was brought from Southern California by Mrs. Bertha Chapman Cady, supervisor of biological science at the school, and is banking in the light of furniture adding in a globular glass bowl. While intended primarily as a subject for study, the scorpion is rapidly becoming domesticated, proving, so Mrs. Cady asserts, that it has a docile disposition unless annoyed or attacked.

DRY LAW VIOLATOR GETS 1 DAY SENTENCE

Frank Murphy to Appeal
Brooklyn Court Decision.

Frank Murphy of Sterling, N. Y., the first man to be convicted of violation of the prohibition law for having liquor in his possession, was sentenced yesterday by Federal Judge Garvin in Brooklyn to serve one day in the custody of the United States Marshal.

Murphy's case will be carried to the Appellate Court for the purpose of testing this application of the law. His conviction a few days ago caused considerable comment, as did the ruling of Judge Garvin that possession of five bottles of whiskey by the defendant was properly to be considered as evidence against him.

HEAD OF L. I. R. R. 15 YEARS.

Ralph Peters's Regime Marked by Big Increase in Traffic.

Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad, celebrated his fifteenth anniversary in that office yesterday. It was also the forty-sixth anniversary of his connection with the Pennsylvania Railroad. A reorganization of an department of the Long Island road is being contemplated as soon as possible, now that the system is back in private ownership, he said.

G. O. P. Elects Mayor in Hartford.

Hartford, April 6.—Newton C. Brainard, Republican, was elected Mayor to-day, defeating Richard J. Kinney, Democratic candidate for reelection. It is a plurality of about 60 votes.

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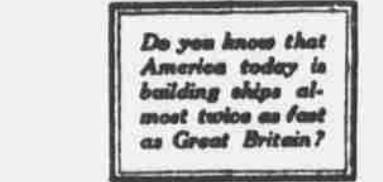


THERE it stands flank to flank with the wine cask and the whiskey barrel—and the Eighteenth Amendment.

"Who goes there!—friend or foe?"—they challenge every candidate whose hopes and aspirations lead within the White House gates.

What the people of the United States shall and shall not drink promises to be a bigger issue than the Peace Treaty in the presidential campaign of 1920. Current Opinion for April has assembled the most interesting and important comment of the country on the wet and dry fight. How do you stand?

Can Two Play at "Ruling the Waves"?



"It just isn't done," John Bull says. But there's a fresh day breaking over the deep sea trade routes of the world. American merchant tonnage is displacing lots of green water here and there about the globe. And the pneumatic riveter sings a song of more ships, speedier ships, bigger ships.

It's got them worried over in England. Mr. P. W. Wilson, former M. P. and now of the London Daily News, tells the story of this new rivalry in April Current Opinion. Very much worth reading.

The World Skids Toward Bankruptcy

(In 1914 the paper currency of the thirty principal countries of the world aggregated a little over seven billions of dollars. In November, 1918, it aggregated about forty billions. One year later it was fifty-one billions exclusive of thirty-four billions more issued by the Bolsheviks. And the national debts have increased at the same rate. It looks like involuntary world-wide bankruptcy. The light and dark sides of the question are set forth in a startling way in Current Opinion for April.)

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